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A True

RELATION

Of the Manner of the

CORONATION

OF THE

Present King

OF

POLAND.

And likewise an Account of the Celebration of the Funerals of the two last deceased Kings.

John III [Sobieski], King of Poland. K

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The Manner of the Coronation Of the present KING OF POLAND.

HIs Majesty having lain two nights in the Castle *Promich* belonging to the Bishop of *Cracovia*, on the 30th of *January* he made his Publick Entry into the City *Cracow*, in manner following, *viz.* First, one hundred and eighteen Ensignes

were born in a ſtately manner, by Souldies clothed in Blue, followed by ſix Companies of Foot, clothed in the ſame colour, but lined with red, having blue Caps: Thoſe preceded ſix other Companies clothed in red, and they were followed by ſix other Companies of *Moldavian* Foot, clothed in Green with red Caps. There marched after them two Companies of Foot and two Troops of Horſe of our Citizens, the one clothed after the *Polonian* manner, the other after the *German*; and both very rich, and excellently mounted. Theſe did precede two Troops of *Coſſacks* Horſe, and two Troops of another Nation, with white and black Standards, and two other of the like with ſky-colour'd Standards. All theſe were followed by a Company of *Huſſars*, with white and blue Coats, with large white Wings on their backs, lined with Fur of Leopards and Panthers. There followed after theſe one of the like Companies with ſky-colour'd and

black

black Caſſocks furr'd alike. Theſe preceded a great number of Gentry and *Polonian* Officers on Horſe-back, which were followed by *German* horſe, whoſe Officers were moſt richly clad, their Veſtments being embroydered with Gold and Silver. The Senators followed, both Secular and Eccleſiaſtick: And after them three Biſhops, who preceded the two Marſhals of *Poland* and *Lithuania*; then the Biſhop of *Marſeillis* the French Ambaſſador, who went on the right hand, and the Biſhop of *Poſen* on the left.

The King appearing afterwards, mounon a Dapple-gray Horſe under a Canopy bore up by ſix Senators: and his Majeſty did not ſo much appear King by the Tokens belonging to his Royal Majeſty, as by his lofty and warlike Countenance, whereby he was diſtinguiſhed from all his following Nobles. About the Canopy, or neer the ſix Senators who bore it up, were ſix other Senators, who alſo bore it up at their turns.

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This great Prince's Habit was of Pearl-colour Cloath of Gold, with a Crimſon Cap on his head furr'd with Zebolina, and on it a black Feather adorned with ſeveral great Diamonds and large Pearls of great value.

On his right and left hands were Twelve Pages, and two *Perſians*, with twenty four Footmen of the ſame Nation.

After this Troop you might perceive twelve delicate Turkiſh Horſes, led by *Moldavians* clothed in Cloath of Gold and Silver, and two *Coſſacks* with their Guns, in rich Cloathing, and followed by twenty four of his Majeſties Servants on foot, cloathed in Blue embroyder'd all over, preceding the Kings Chariot, which was guilded quite over, wheels and all, all the inſide being of Crimſon-Velvet, and in it ſix golden Crowns, about the which were ſtrewed white flowers; and amidſt a Crown of Lawrel, with his Majeſties Character before and behinde,

J. III. *R.* the Servants conducting the ſame, being moſt richly clad *cap a pe.*

There was a Company of *Heyducks*, and another of *Moldawians*, which marched on the right and left of the Chariot with Drums and Flagelets, and were followed by a Company of the Kings Guards in Buff with blue Cloaks, on the backs of which were the Kings Character *J.* III. *R.* and a Crown above.

After theſe proceeded twelve Companies of Dragoons in red Cloaks, followed by the Horſe of the Kingdom, and ſeveral Companies of the Army Horſe brought up the Reer, which concluded the Ceremony; the Pomp of which was greater than can be deſcrib'd; For ſetting aſide the Officers, who were cloathed and mounted like Princes, no men could appear more briſk than the common Soldiers.

At the entrance of the City, and ſeveral other places where his Majeſty was to paſs, were erected Triumphal Arches, on which was repreſented the Battel and famous

mous Victory of *Cochim*, obtained by his Majesty against the *Turks*, by a most unequal strength to theirs: And at the City-gates his Majesty was entertained by a most excellent Consort of Musick. And the next day was celebrated the two last deceased Kings Funerals, with all imaginable Pomp due to their Majesties. Afterwards on the 2d of *February* the present King and Queen were solemnly Crowned, with all the joy and acclamations imaginable due to so Transcendent Qualities wherewith his Majesty is endowed, and the great services he hath always rendered to the whole Kingdom, and his Zeal which he hath ever professed for the Good and Tranquillity thereof.

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